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(*d*) whether such allowance is paid for the acquisition of fair knowledge in those languages or for merely passing certain tests prescribed in those vernaculars;

(*e*) whether such knowledge is intended to be used in the discharge of his duties such as passing orders in vernacular, etc.;

(*f*) if so, how far this is being practised;

(*g*) if it is not so, what is the object of Government in prescribing the vernacular tests. for the officers, by holding out additional inducement such as payment of allowances; and

(*h*) whether there are any officers who have passed such tests and are able to write and converse freely in the vernaculars?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *to* (*h*) The answer to (*b*) is in the negative.

## Land Assignment

*Assignment of certain lands to Mr. Narasappa of Ujjini.*

*1458 *Q.*—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how many years a portion of S. No. 345 has been in the occupation and enjoyment of Karnam Narasappa of Ujjini, Kudligi taluk, Bellary district;

(*b*) whether on his application for patta, the portion in his enjoyment was subdivided in or about 1918 with a view to its transfer to assessment and assignment on patta;

(*c*) whether Narasappa did apply for patta even in 1926;

(*d*) whether the portion applied for by Narasappa has however been since reserved for assignment to depressed classes;

(*e*) whether the members of the depressed classes themselves are not anxious for its assignment to them and have in fact sent representations to that effect; and

(*f*) whether Narasappa has petitioned to the Government for assignment of the extent hitherto in his occupation and, if so, with what result?

*A.*—The only information the Government have on the subject is that a petition was received from Karnam Narasappa about the assignment of some land in Ujjini village and was transferred to the Collector of Bellary for disposal on 4th October 1927 as the petitioner did not enclose copies of the orders of the subordinate authorities or indicate that they had even been approached in the matter.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"May I know what the orders of the Collector are on the petition that was transferred to him by the Government?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I shall ascertain, Sir."